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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Koiwai et al.

Application No.: 10/001,397

Confirmation No.: 1943

Filed: October 25, 2001

For: LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH
TO ELIMINATE DELETERIOUS LIGHT
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE
LENS

Group: 2873

Examiner: Thompson, Timothy J.

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003, and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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